

Missionary Updates ...Kris Driscoll *servicing with EFCA Hispanic Ministries & GATEWAY Theological Institute*

My trip to Lindenwold, New Jersey was to the Hispanic Church Planting Boot Camp. I help with the administration of this special training for church planters. Hispanic Boot Camp is for Spanish speaking pastors, church planters and prospective church planters, helping them prepare to plant a church. We all enjoyed the various presenters giving great training, fellowship, meals together and wonderful times of praise and worship in Spanish.



It will be exciting to hear about what the Lord does with these trained servants as they plant churches, especially in areas of our country where there is lots of diversity. The revision of the English manual for GATEWAY Theological Institute, that the Directional Team recently finished, is in the hands of the EFCA Communication Team. They are doing the editing and design work. The Directional Team has now started the revision process on the Spanish version of the manual for GATEWAY Theological Institute. Thank you for your love and support.

Prayer Request:

1. For the church planters- that the Lord would bless their efforts and multiply His kingdom through them.
2. For the final editing of the revision of GATEWAY English manual.
3. For the beginning of the revision process on the Spanish version of the manual.

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	Offerings	Expenses
General Fund YTD	\$102,486	\$100,417
Missions Fund YTD	\$7,134	\$6,083

The ABC's of Becoming a Christian

- A** — **Admit** to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23
- B** — **Believe** that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin. "While we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8
- C** — **Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. "If you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

Prayer: Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me. I ask Jesus to come into my life to be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for loving me and saving me from my sins. In Jesus name, Amen.



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Welcome to Worship!—We're so glad you have joined us this morning. If you are a guest today, please fill out a Covenant Connect card and place it in the offering. **Children's Church** (10:30am service) is for 3-year olds—2nd grade. The children gather in the Cubbies Room downstairs after the announcements are given.



Communion Sunday — Today is Communion Sunday and all who have accepted Christ as their savior are welcome to participate. The bread that is being served is gluten-free for the convenience of all participants.

Compassion Offering—will be received today to be used for emergencies or other unforeseen needs of those in our congregation or community. The collection plate will be at the rear of the church. You may use your offering envelope and mark the section "other" as Compassion Fund.

Prayer Meeting — There will be no prayer meeting on Monday, May 6.

Pastoral Search Committee — Please continue to pray for our search committee as they gather and interview candidates. The members are: Carol Anderson, Beth Nelson, Eric Todd, Rod Enns, Kristy Hufnagle, David Hebig, and Andy Hedlund.

Updating Our Records — If you have recently moved, dropped your landline or gotten/changed a cell phone number, please fill out a Covenant Connect card with the updated information and drop it in the offering.

Email Prayer Chain—Contact Sue Natysin at ifeccprayerchain@gmail.com or snatysin@gmail.com.



Reminder — If you unlock a door, open windows, or turn on lights, please relock the doors, shut the windows, and turn off the lights as you leave! Thank you!

Community Opportunity ...

Psalm FM Newsletter — They will be mailing their newsletter on Thursday, May 23 at 7am. All helping hands are appreciated!

Community Café — will be on Tuesday, May 28 at 5pm at Backus Community Center. If you would like to help serve, please sign-up in the lobby.

How Should I Manage my Money?

Luke 16:1-8

The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. Luke 16:8

FOUR PRIORITIES FOR MANAGING GOD'S MONEY

1. **Use your money for** _____.

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. Luke 16:9

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:20-21

2. **Learn to be** _____.

Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. Luke 16:10

3. **Connect your growth** _____.

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? Luke 16:11

...in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness. Ephesians 2:7

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10, 11

4. **Put** _____.

No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. Luke 16:13